

Figure S 17: AFM images of boundary assemblies and untemplated DAO-E crystals. Upper left: 750 nm scan showing nucleating strand + input tiles + S-00. Bumpy domains indicate the presence of input tiles and one layer of S-00. Thinner smooth domains (arrow) are assumed to be double-stranded, and hence without tiles. Upper right: 1.1  $\mu$ m scan of a sample prepared with just 5 tiles (no S-11) and no nucleating structures. Therefore, this must be an untemplated crystal. (It could not be a ripped fragment of a templated crystal.) Lower left: 1.2  $\mu$ m scan of a sample prepared with all 6 tiles. Nucleating structure tails can be seen. Crystals are particularly well faceted. Facet roughening can be observed (arrow). Lower right: 320 nm scan of a sample prepared with just 5 tiles (no S-11).